9. Bhopal

10. Raipur

11. Imphal

12. Shillong

13. Tura

14. Kohima

15. Gangtok

16. Bhubaneswar

17. Agartala

18. Bareilly

19. Siliguri

20. Aizawl

21. Port Blair

22. Chandigarh

23. Pondicherry

[*English*]

Electronic Exchange in Chandigarh

1782. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing '2 level' telephone exchange at Chandigarh has almost completed its 'life' period and outlived its utility;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to replace it by an electronic exchange; and

(c) the time by which the new exchange is likely to be commissioned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, the "2 Level " exchange has almost completed its "life". However, even though the Exchange has not completely outlived its prescribed life for upgradation/modification and improvement in quality of service, 10,000 lines of C-DOT type Electronic Equipment has been allotted for replacment of this exchange.

The new C-DOT Electronic exchange is expected to be commissioned within the 8th Plan period.

Requirement and Supply of Electricity to Chandigarh

1783. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present requirement and supply of electricity to Chandigarh;

(b) the extent to which the requirement is likely to be Increased by the end of the 8th Five Year Plan;

(c) the extent to which the requirement is likely to be met;

(d) whether the Government have not accorded to Chandigarh the status of member state of Bhakra Beas Management Board; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April-October, 1991, the Energy requirement of Chandigarh was 400 million units against

which the availability was also 400 million units.

(b) and (c). According to the report of the group of Power, it is anticipated that the Energy requirement in Chandigarh at the end of 8th Plan, i.e. 1992-97, would be 859 million units against which the availability would be of the order of 459 million units.

(d) and (e). It has been decided not to accord the status of 'member state' to Chandigarh and to manitain the existing status of the Bhakra Beas Management Board for the time being.

Statehood for Delhi

1784. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant Statehood to Delhi;

(b) whether the Statehood is proposed to be granted during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.JACOB): (a) to (c). The Constitution (Seventy-Second Amendment) Bill, 1990, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 31-5-1990. According to the Bill, the Union Tteeritory of Delhi was to be converted into a State known as the "Capital State of Delhi". The Bill was moved for consideration on 6-9-1990. With the dissolution of the Lok Sabha the Bill lapsed.

There is no immediate proposal to reintroduce the Bill.

[*Translation*]

Electrification of Villages in Uttar Pradesh

1785. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village electrified in Uttar Pradesh so far;

(b) the number of irrigartion pumps being operated by electricity;

(c) the number of village which have not been electrified; and

(d) whether the Government propose to electrify all the villages of Uttar Pradesh under a special campaign during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). As per available information, as on 31.8.1991 the number of electrified and unelectrified villages and electrified pumpsets are as under:-

No. of electrified villages	*No. of villages yet to be electrified*	*No. of electric pumpsets*
82,711	29,855	6,60,543